Cumberland County

Cumberland County is roughly triangular in shape with its northern boundary forming the provincial border between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The county took its name from Fort Cumberland, formerly Fort Beausejour. While settlement began as early as 1605, it was not until after 1763 that New England emigrants gave marked impetus to development.

Through the latter part of the eighteenth and most of the nineteenth century, Amherst and Oxford developed as industrial centres while the Parrsboro area became an important shipbuilding centre. In 1871 coal mining began at Springhill and was the mainstay of the local economy until the 1950's when several mine disasters closed all the major operations.

Amherst is the largest town in the county and has attracted a diversified industrial and commercial base, due to its central location in the Maritime area. The majority of tourists to the province enter by way of Amherst, thus making this sector a major contributor to the economy of the county. Within the past two decades most areas of the county have seen a diversification from traditional resource employment to light industrial and commercial activity.

Potential future development of the Bay of Fundy tides for hydroelectric purposes could have a significant impact on the economy of the county, as two of the proposed sites for this development are in the area.

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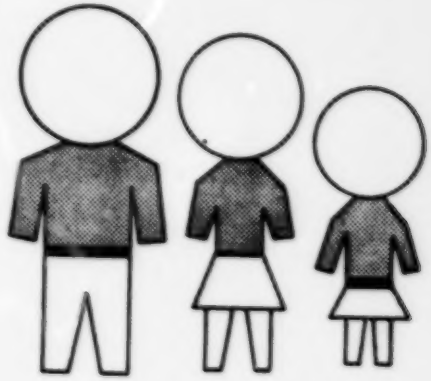
Cumberland County

Statistical Summary

	YEAR		% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	1981	4,288.2	8.1
Population	1981	35,231	4.2
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	8.2	51.2
Labour Force	1981	13,975	3.7
Employed	1981	12,330	3.6
Average income per tax filer ($)	1981	10,717	85.7
Total retail sales ($'000)	1983	129,000	3.8
Retail sales per capita ($)	1983	3,674	92.0
Number of farms	1981	612	12.1
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1982	21,597	14.4
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1982	103,943	5.3
Sea fish landings (metric tons)	1982	540	0.1
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1982	1,089	0.4
Number of manufacturing establishments	1981	48	5.9
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1981	137,837	3.6
Number of permits for residential units	1983	192	3.2
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1983	13,850	3.0

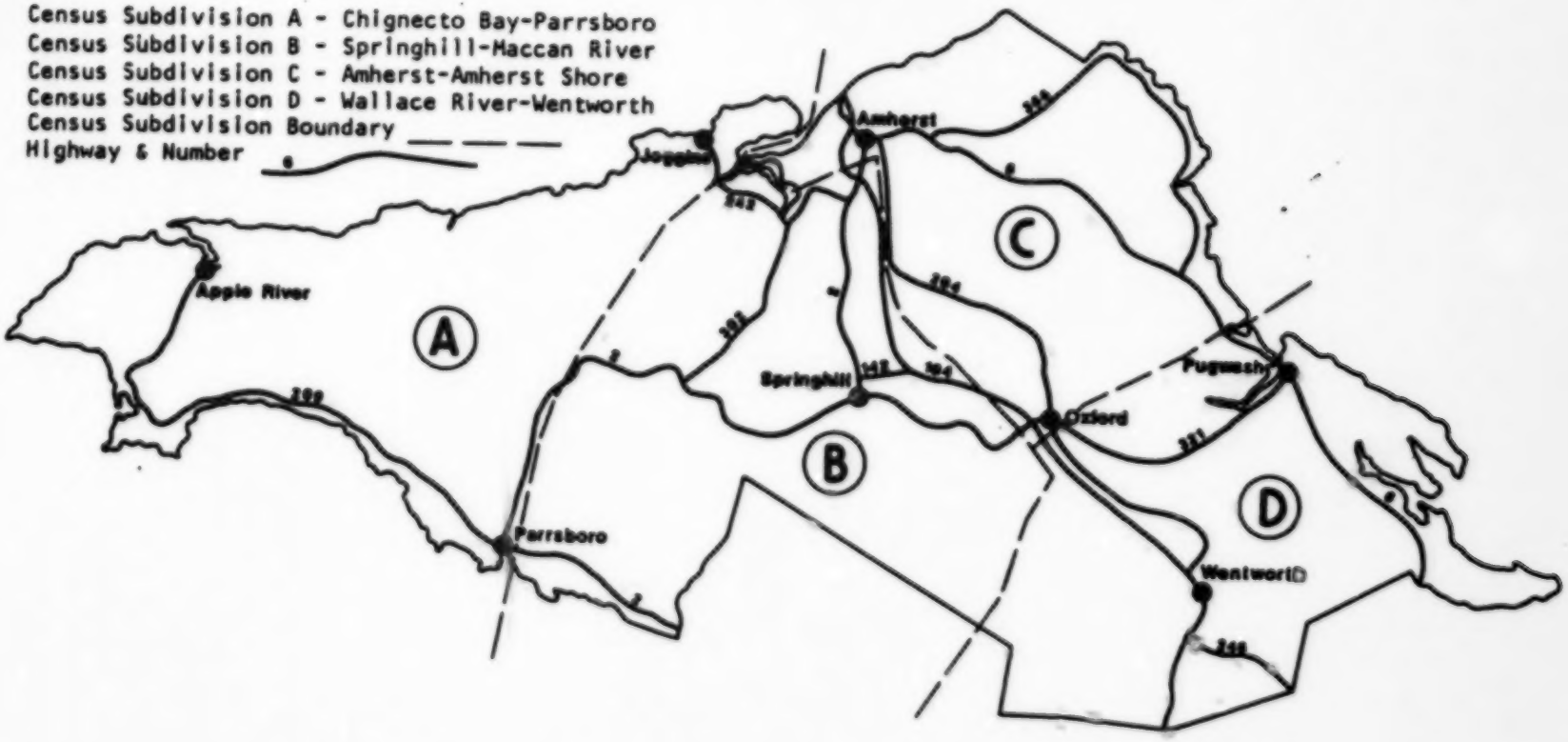
SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada



Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Cumberland County



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

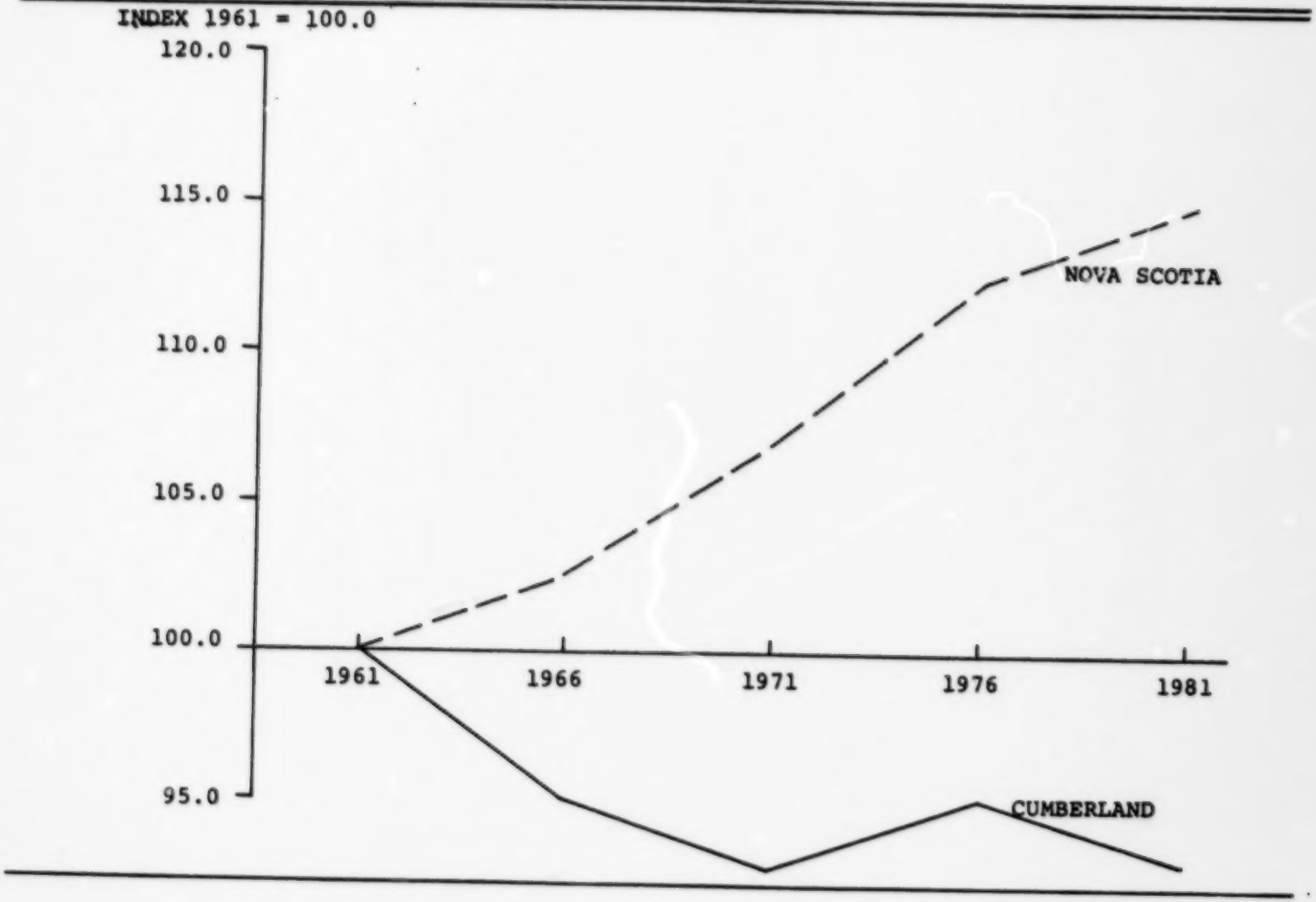


Table 1

Population Growth
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Cumberland County	37,767	35,933	35,160	35,914	35,231
Amherst	10,788	10,551	9,966	10,263	9,684*
Oxford	1,471	1,426	1,473	1,498	1,470
Parrsboro	1,834	1,835	1,807	1,857	1,799
Springhill	5,836	5,380*	5,262	5,220	4,896
Sub. A - Chignecto Bay-Parrsboro	4,370	3,221	3,643	3,419	3,336
Sub. B - Springhill-Maccan River	4,660	5,037*	4,437	4,547	4,602
Sub. C - Amherst-Amherst Shore	3,749	3,639	3,700	4,274	4,661*
Sub. D - Wallace River-Wentworth	5,059	4,844	4,872	4,836	4,783

Index of Population Growth
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Cumberland County	100.0	95.1	93.1	95.1	93.3
Amherst	100.0	97.8	92.4	95.1	89.8
Oxford	100.0	96.9	100.1	101.8	99.9
Parrsboro	100.0	100.1	98.5	101.2	98.1
Springhill	100.0	92.2	90.2	89.4	83.9
Sub. A - Chignecto Bay-Parrsboro	100.0	73.7	83.4	78.2	76.3
Sub. B - Springhill-Maccan River	100.0	108.1	95.2	97.6	98.8
Sub. C - Amherst-Amherst Shore	100.0	97.1	98.7	114.0	124.3
Sub. D - Wallace River-Wentworth	100.0	95.8	96.3	95.6	94.5

* As population of the municipalities is based on the boundaries established at each census, an asterisk indicates changes.
Springhill Town annexed part of Subdivision B in 1965.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 100 +
Cumberland County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Advocate Harbour	194	193	Pugwash	746	642
Amherst Head	154	152	River Hebert	861	826
Athol Road	n/a	164	River Hebert East	344	314
Brookdale	299	300	South Pugwash	317	366
Collingwood Corner	205	148	Southampton	207	209
Diligent River	156	160	Springhill Junction	199	183
East Amherst	272	405	Tidnish	147	165
Fenwick	233	268	Tidnish Bridge	142	173
Fort Lawrence	244	252	Truemanville	167	179
Fox River	154	153	Tyndal Road	150	152
Joggins	692	577	Wallace	328	322
Little River	173	171	Warren	175	227
Maccan	447	434	Wentworth Centre	30	190
Nappan	242	191	West Pugwash	220	197
Oxford Junction	195	175	Westchester Station	233	189

n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	CUMBERLAND COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	17,024	17,382	47.4	49.3	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	14,974	15,389	41.7	43.7	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	2,050	1,993	5.7	5.6	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	18,890	17,849	52.6	50.7	468,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	35,914	35,231	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

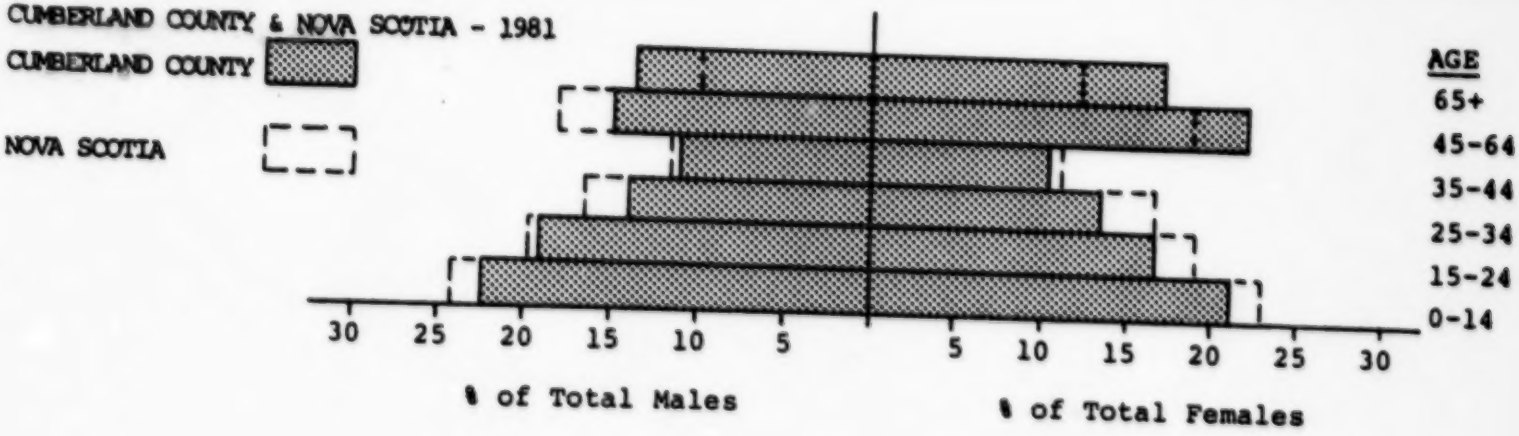
1 Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

2 Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



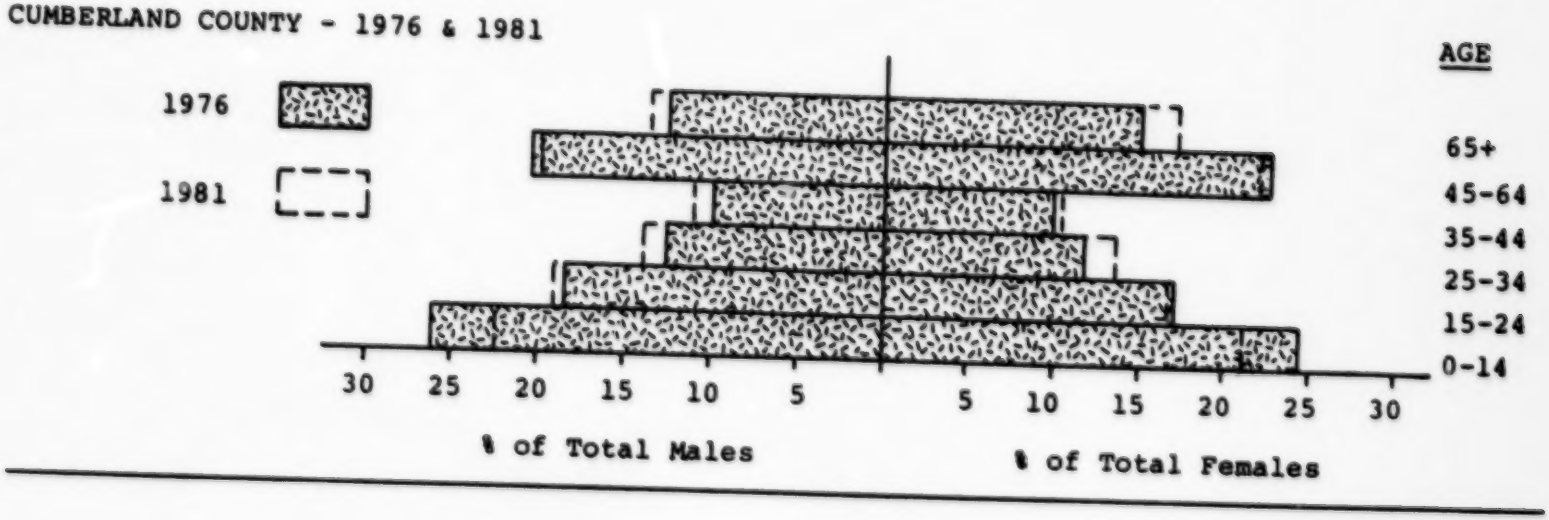


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	CUMBERLAND COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
0-14	26.2	24.3	22.4	21.0	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	18.4	16.8	19.2	16.5	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	12.5	11.7	14.0	13.4	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.8	9.8	11.0	10.3	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	20.5	22.5	19.8	21.8	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	12.5	14.9	13.6	17.0	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	17,945	17,965	17,580	17,650	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Cumberland County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Cumberland Co.	- T	35,230	14,685	7,645	7,040	17,120	16,590	525	2,600	825
	- M	17,580	8,130	3,945	4,185	8,585	8,350	240	470	390
	- F	17,650	6,550	3,695	2,855	8,530	8,245	285	2,130	440
Amherst	- T	9,685	4,055	2,070	1,985	4,595	4,415	175	730	300
	- M	4,620	2,105	1,090	1,015	2,270	2,210	70	125	115
	- F	5,065	1,945	980	965	2,320	2,210	110	605	195
Oxford	- T	1,470	570	325	245	730	705	25	130	40
	- M	720	310	175	135	360	350	10	25	10
	- F	755	260	155	105	365	350	15	100	25
Parrsboro	- T	1,795	715	330	385	855	820	35	185	40
	- M	875	405	175	230	425	405	20	30	20
	- F	920	315	160	155	430	415	20	160	20
Springhill	- T	4,895	2,020	860	1,160	2,255	2,170	90	470	155
	- M	2,535	1,210	440	770	1,175	1,130	45	65	80
	- F	2,360	810	420	390	1,080	1,040	45	400	70

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 6

Vital Statistics
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1978-1982

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Cumberland County	436	459	471	443	416	408	409	371	429	358
Amherst	140	152	139	135	131	118	99	96	102	90
Oxford	13	19	31	16	18	15	17	16	28	21
Parrsboro	18	24	28	24	23	29	41	27	40	35
Springhill	63	54	47	37	43	73	68	59	67	60
Nova Scotia	12,548	12,406	12,369	12,079	12,325	6,877	6,843	7,004	6,958	6,941

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

Table 7

Family Characteristics
Cumberland County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Cumberland County											
Number	9,195	3,765	2,030	2,020	885	340	115	40	29,290	3.2	3.4
% of Total	100.0	41.0	22.1	22.0	9.6	3.7	1.3	0.4			
Amherst	2,555	1,070	585	565	220	85	25	5	7,980	3.1	3.3
Oxford	390	175	70	80	40	10	5	0	1,220	3.1	3.3
Parrsboro	455	200	100	100	35	15	10	0	1,435	3.1	3.3
Springhill	1,185	515	275	240	105	35	10	0	3,650	3.1	3.3
Cumberland Munic.	4,615	1,815	995	1,035	500	195	55	30	15,010	3.3	3.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Cumberland County	18,089	82.7	17.4
Amherst	19,761	90.3	16.9
Oxford	18,786	85.9	20.9
Parrsboro	16,867	77.1	19.4
Springhill	17,223	78.7	22.8
Sub. A - Chignecto Bay - Parrsboro	15,301	70.1	16.5
Sub. B - Springhill - Maccan River	17,475	79.9	17.6
Sub. C - Amherst - Amherst Shore	20,199	92.4	11.0
Sub. D - Wallace River - Wentworth	16,085	73.5	18.4

[1] Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income Per Income Tax Filer
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976-1981

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income $'000	Average Income $	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average %
Cumberland County				
- 1976	15,698	126,575	8,063	87.8
- 1977	17,124	147,899	8,636	97.8
- 1978[1]	18,870	151,050	8,005	86.3
- 1979	18,877	162,823	8,625	85.3
- 1980	19,062	180,206	9,454	85.5
- 1981	19,189	205,651	10,717	85.7

	PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP			
	CUMBERLAND COUNTY		NOVA SCOTIA	
Income Group	1976 %	1981 %	1976 %	1981 %
Under $2,000	11.0		11.0	
$ 2,000 - $ 4,000	19.5	32.8	14.3	29.4
$ 4,000 - $ 5,000	6.8		6.7	
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	34.6	13.1	31.7	10.8
$ 7,500 - $10,000		11.3		10.0
$10,000 - $15,000	16.5	17.0	19.7	9.5
$15,000 - $20,000	6.7	11.6	10.2	20.5
$20,000 - $25,000	5.0	6.2	6.3	8.3
$25,000 - $30,000		3.9		5.0
$30,000 +		4.0		6.5

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Cumberland County	11,150	11,830	3.1	2.9
Amherst	3,346	3,435	3.0	2.8
Oxford	490	520	3.0	2.7
Parrsboro	625	655	2.9	2.7
Springhill	1,595	1,620	3.0	2.7
Subdivision A	1,100	1,165	4.3	2.8
Subdivision B	1,340	1,460	3.4	3.1
Subdivision C	1,240	1,460	3.4	3.2
Subdivision D	1,415	1,520	3.2	3.0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	AMHERST	OXFORD	PARRSBORO	SPRINGHILL	MUNIC. OF CUMBERLAND	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:							
1976 - Owned (%)	63.7	81.6	78.4	81.2	89.4	79.6	72.4
Rented (%)	36.3	18.4	21.6	18.8	10.6	20.4	27.6
Total (No.)	3,345	490	625	1,595	5,095	11,150	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	65.4	79.6	79.2	78.2	89.6	79.9	71.5
Rented (%)	34.6	21.4	20.8	21.8	10.4	20.1	28.5
Total (No.)	3,430	515	650	1,620	5,605	11,830	273,195
TYPE:							
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	78.1	82.7	90.4	90.9	90.6	86.5	78.9
Apartments (%)	17.6	11.2	4.8	5.0	1.6	7.5	15.4
Mobile (%)	4.3	7.1	4.8	4.1	7.8	6.0	5.7
Total (No.)	3,345	490	625	1,595	5,095	11,150	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	75.7	80.6	88.5	88.9	89.9	85.0	77.9
Apartments (%)	18.5	10.7	5.4	7.1	2.2	8.2	16.7
Mobile (%)	5.8	8.7	6.1	4.0	7.9	6.8	5.4
Total (No.)	3,430	515	650	1,620	5,605	11,830	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

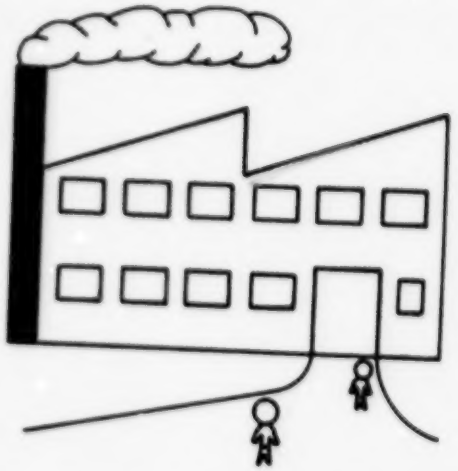


Table 12

Labour Force Activity
Cumberland County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	13,240	13,600	26,845	12,995	13,745	26,740
Labour Force	8,420	4,685	13,105	8,665	5,305	13,975
Employment	7,380	4,100	11,485	7,645	4,680	12,330
Unemployment	1,035	585	1,620	1,025	620	1,640
Unemployment Rate [1]	12.3	12.5	12.4	13.4	11.7	11.7
Participation Rate [2]	63.6	34.4	48.8	66.7	38.6	52.3

[1] Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2] Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force, 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Cumberland County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	13,975	2,260	4,680	2,120	4,090	825
Male	8,670	1,765	2,900	1,230	2,255	515
Female	5,305	495	1,780	880	1,835	315
Aged 15-24						
Total	3,265	280	1,365	755	770	95
Male	1,820	195	830	415	355	30
Female	1,440	90	535	340	415	65
Aged 25-44						
Total	6,270	845	1,775	910	2,210	525
Male	3,870	630	1,070	555	1,275	335
Female	2,400	210	705	355	935	195
Aged 45-54						
Total	2,210	485	835	260	505	130
Male	1,435	410	515	145	275	95
Female	775	70	325	115	230	35
Aged 55-64						
Total	1,765	480	580	155	490	55
Male	1,200	380	405	100	280	35
Female	560	100	175	55	210	20
Aged 65+						
Total	460	175	125	35	115	20
Male	340	150	80	15	70	20
Female	125	25	45	15	40	0

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force,[1] 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Cumberland County, 1981

	CUMBERLAND COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Cumberland Co.	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	610	115	725	5.3	2.3
Forestry	330	50	375	2.7	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	85	10	95	0.7	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	335	30	360	2.6	1.8
Manufacturing	1,905	710	2,615	19.1	15.0
Construction	960	45	1,005	7.3	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	835	125	960	7.0	8.0
Trade	1,270	1,180	2,455	17.9	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	175	305	485	3.5	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	1,165	2,330	3,495	25.5	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	905	245	1,155	8.4	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	8,575	5,155	13,725	100.0	100.0

[1] By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, and who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Cumberland County, 1981

	CUMBERLAND COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Cumberland Co.	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	660	185	840	6.1	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	270	10	285	2.1	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	85	85	175	1.3	1.5
Occupations in Religion	25	10	30	0.2	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	195	420	615	4.5	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	90	600	695	5.0	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	105	25	130	0.9	1.2
Clerical & Related	465	1,515	1,975	14.4	16.5
Sales Occupations	640	575	1,220	8.9	9.2
Service Occupations	790	905	1,695	12.3	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	600	135	740	5.4	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	90	15	105	0.8	2.4
Forestry & Logging	380	50	425	3.1	1.2
Mining & Quarrying, Oil and Gas Fields	145	-	145	1.0	1.0
Processing Occupations	450	155	600	4.4	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	415	45	465	3.4	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	780	225	1,000	7.3	6.1
Construction Trades	1,130	35	1,170	8.5	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	620	25	645	4.7	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	210	80	295	2.1	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	125	15	140	1.0	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	310	45	355	2.6	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	8,575	5,150	13,725	100.0	100.0

[1] Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Cumberland County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	1,269	1,896
% of Total Population Living on Farms	3.5	5.4
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	8	9
25-34 years	53	84
35-44 years	84	147
45-54 years	115	139
55-59 years	52	64
60-64 years	62	63
65 years and over	64	106
Total Number of Farms	438	612
- With sales of $2,500 +	299	396
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	10	38
10- 69 acres	40	97
70- 129 acres	73	124
130- 179 acres	60	69
180- 239 acres	48	58
240- 399 acres	85	110
400- 559 acres	49	51
560- 759 acres	27	25
760- 1,119 acres	22	16
1,120- 1,599 acres	13	9
1,600+ acres	11	15

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Table 16 (con't.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	157,484	181,092
Improved Land - acres	56,523	67,156
Under Crops - acres	37,874	40,293
Improved Pasture - acres	13,029	16,886
Summer Fallow - acres	2,134	3,758
Other Improved - acres	3,486	6,219
Unimproved Land - acres	100,961	113,939
Woodland - acres	85,521	98,844
Other Unimproved - acres	15,440	15,095
Average Size of Farms - acres	360	296
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	35.9	37.1

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Cumberland County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	438	612
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	12
$100,000 - $249,999	(18	28
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	27	27
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	29	46
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	56	89
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	82	100
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	87	94
Under $2,500	139	216
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	299	396
Dairy	78	77
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	78	133
Poultry	7	6
Wheat	1	1
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	12	7
Field crops, other than smallgrains	1	1
Fruits and vegetables	101	129
Miscellaneous specialty	9	24
Mixed	12	18
Livestock combination	6	7
Field crops combination	1	---
Other combinations	5	11

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Cumberland County, 1978-1982

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Value - $'000	483	400	427	691	1,098
% of Nova Scotia total	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Weight - metric tonnes	486	318	328	469	540
% of Nova Scotia total	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Cumberland County, 1978-1982

	Total	% of Income Derived from Fishery		
		0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1978	171	96	51	24
1979	204	113	55	36
1980	187	103	51	33
1981	168	71	59	38
1982	176	96	42	38
% of Nova Scotia				
1978	1.7	3.1	2.9	0.5
1979	1.9	2.8	3.3	0.7
1980	1.6	2.5	3.0	0.6
1981	1.5	2.2	3.7	0.6
1982	1.6	3.0	3.0	0.6

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20

Area of Land Classes
Cumberland County, 1976

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	150,900	41.3
2. Mixed Wood	78,800	21.5
3. Hardwood	55,000	15.0
Total Forested Land	284,700	77.8
Non-Forested Land	71,400	19.5
Water and Flowage	9,000	2.5
Total Area of County	365,800	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Inventory, North Central Subdivision - 1976.

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Cumberland County, 1981-1982

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Softwood	25,254	28,123	19,682	23,428	21,490	123,319	111,010	123,609	120,685	100,006
Hardwood	117	173	323	204	107	11,380	20,084	24,210	14,391	3,937
Total	25,431	28,296	20,005	23,632	21,597	134,699	131,094	147,819	135,076	103,943
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	13.8	14.4	11.1	14.5	15.2	4.5	4.1	4.4	4.8	5.5
Hardwood	3.7	1.9	4.4	2.1	1.2	4.8	5.7	5.1	5.0	3.3
Total	13.6	13.8	10.8	13.8	14.4	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.3

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics (in Common Measure)
Cumberland County, 1981-1982

	1981	1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1981	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982
Lumber (M. fbm.)	23,632	21,597	13.8	14.4
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	55	38	3.4	2.3
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	118	359	4.9	23.2
Laths (M's)	-	15	-	0.3
Shingles (Squares)	-	30	-	3.1
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	85,070	14,223	17.2	4.2
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	221,663	170,573	4.9	5.4
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	-	-	-	-
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	-	-	-

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Cumberland County, 1978-1981

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
	Year	Number of Establishments	Production and Related Workers Male	Production and Related Workers Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
Amherst	1978	27	768	344	2,285	12,540	1,617	29,569	65,750	35,915
	1979	27	796	305	2,362	14,736	1,703	30,684	77,648	47,361
	1980	29	818	256	2,213	15,498	1,946	35,617	79,261	41,271
	1981	27	803	308	2,310	17,301	2,047	55,920	104,547	48,362
Oxford	1978	4	117	181	620	2,530	276	7,113	10,858	4,201
	1979	Included in "Remainder of County"								
	1980	4	41	117	292	1,354	326	4,690	9,095	3,950
	1981	4	60	147	392	2,071	376	7,822	13,867	5,967
Springhill	1978	6	71	25	191	822	215	3,766	5,604	1,754
	1979	6	82	47	281	1,232	292	7,012	10,978	3,785
	1980	5	75	30	218	1,202	414	7,372	11,478	3,891
	1981	5	85	36	256	1,506	534	6,616	12,447	5,579
Remainder of County	1978	12	210	11	474	1,824	274	3,058	6,347	2,948
	1979	16	290	168	939	3,963	621	8,650	16,286	7,570
	1980	13	207	15	466	2,350	317	3,901	8,563	4,738
	1981	12	139	16	297	1,627	294	2,474	6,976	3,439
Cumberland County	1978	49	1,166	561	3,570	17,716	2,383	43,506	88,559	44,818
	1979	49	1,168	520	3,583	19,932	2,616	46,347	104,912	58,716
	1980	51	1,141	418	3,189	20,404	3,003	51,580	108,397	53,850
	1981	48	1,087	507	3,255	22,505	3,251	72,832	137,837	63,347
% Cumberland County of Nova Scotia	1978	6.7	5.4	9.9	6.2	5.4	1.7	2.6	3.3	5.0
	1979	6.3	5.0	8.8	5.6	5.0	1.7	2.2	3.3	5.7
	1980	6.3	5.0	6.8	5.1	4.7	1.9	2.4	3.1	4.5
	1981	5.9	4.8	8.3	5.4	4.8	1.6	3.0	3.6	4.8

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

Table 24

Retail Sales
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1981-1983

	YEAR	CUMBERLAND COUNTY ($'000)	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA	
			CUMBERLAND COUNTY[1] ($)	NOVA SCOTIA ($)
Food	1981	30,000	852	876
	1982	34,500	979	1,023
	1983	-	-	1,133
Automotive	1981	32,700	928	905
	1982	31,100	883	867
	1983	-	-	963
Clothing	1981	4,500	128	171
	1982	4,800	136	184
	1983	-	-	200
Hardware	1981	1,600	45	34
	1982	1,600	45	35
	1983	-	-	39
Home Furnishings Appliances, TV, Radios	1981	1,900	54	67
	1982	2,100	60	73
	1983	-	-	77
Total Retail Sales[2]	1981	108,900	3,091	3,315
	1982	114,400	3,247	3,540
	1983	129,000	3,674	3,994

[1]Sales per capita are derived by using the 1981 Census populations.

[2]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25
Building Permits
Cumberland County and Nova Scotia, 1980-1983

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other (units)	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial ($'000)	Institutional & Government	Total
1980								
Amherst	9	-	9	323	317	1,532	467	2,639
Oxford	3	-	3	141	855	264	-	1,260
Parrsboro	3	-	3	198	620	23	-	841
Springhill	11	15	26	646	76	20	36	778
Cumberland Municipality	177	25	202	5,020	308	203	991	6,522
Total Cumberland County	203	40	243	6,328	2,176	2,042	1,494	12,040
Nova Scotia	3,734	924	4,658	177,181	37,858	75,016	38,121	328,176
1981								
Amherst	8	-	8	708	16	1,483	130	2,337
Oxford	9	-	9	328	-	12	-	340
Parrsboro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Springhill	11	-	11	619	-	595	292	1,506
Cumberland Municipality	166	-	166	6,057	339	139	2,742	9,277
Total Cumberland County	194	-	194	7,712	355	2,229	3,164	13,460
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Amherst	15	-	15	1,020	-	698	228	1,946
Oxford	5	-	5	242	-	3	-	245
Parrsboro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Springhill	5	15	20	839	2	199	-	1,040
Cumberland Municipality	134	-	134	5,372	292	117	218	5,999
Total Cumberland County	159	15	174	7,473	294	1,017	446	9,230
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867
1983								
Amherst	37	-	37	1,757	34	997	2,169	4,957
Oxford	1	-	1	67	23	6	40	136
Parrsboro	14	-	14	820	2	-	-	822
Springhill	6	-	6	616	-	132	69	817
Cumberland Municipality	119	15	134	5,648	1,061	184	225	7,118
Total Cumberland County	177	15	192	8,908	1,120	1,319	2,503	13,850
Nova Scotia	4,971	1,052	6,023	320,624	17,347	74,764	56,516	469,251

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203, 64-001

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MUNICIPALITIES AND 1983 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Amherst	$ 2.05	$ 3.08
Town of Oxford	2.10	2.84
Town of Parrsboro	1.90	2.75
Town of Springhill	2.33	4.83
Municipality of Cumberland	1.05	1.95

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Amherst	15.3	633.4
Oxford	3.6	408.3
Parrsboro	13.1	137.2
Springhill	14.7	334.0
Municipality of Cumberland	4241.5	4.1
County of Cumberland	4288.2	8.2

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981		Ethnic Groups - 1981		Mother Tongue - 1981	
Protestant (Other)	26.6%	British Isles	81.9%	English	97.5%
United Church	37.0%	French	7.5%	French	1.5%
Anglican	12.9%	German	1.2%	Other	1.0%
Roman Catholic	19.2%	Netherlands	0.9%		
Other	4.3%	Other	8.5%		

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

There are 29 individual schools located throughout Cumberland County. Teachers numbered 406 in 1983-84 while enrolment was 3,453 elementary, 1,638 junior high, 1,521 senior high and 371 in other programs. The Cumberland Regional Vocational School in Springhill trained 169 students with a complement of 19 teachers. In Amherst, the Atlantic Provinces Resource Centre for the Hearing Handicapped, with 48 teachers had an enrolment of 163. The closest universities are in Sackville, N.B., Antigonish and Halifax.

HOSPITALS

Highland View Regional Hospital, Amherst	103 beds,	24 bassinets
Bayview Memorial Hospital, Advocate Harbour	11 beds,	- bassinets
South Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Parrsboro	16 beds,	3 bassinets
North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Pugwash	11 beds,	- bassinets
All Saints Hospital, Springhill	62 beds,	18 bassinets

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Amherst Industrial Park
Oxford Industrial Park
Springhill Industrial Park

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS

	Approximate Employment
Robb Engineering, Amherst	250
Enheat Inc., Aircraft Division, Amherst	155
Can-Am Containers Limited, Springhill	100
General Home Systems Ltd., Amherst	100
Stanfield's Limited, Oxford	100
Aerovox Canada Limited, Amherst	90
Oxford Frozen Foods Limited, Oxford	85
Parrsboro Metal Fabricators Limited, Parrsboro	85
Brookfield Foods Limited, Amherst	70
Life Savers Div., Nabisco Brands Ltd., Amherst	68

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	226.7
- Collector	327.7
- Local	379.0
Unpaved Highways	879.6
Total	1,831.0

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1982	Number
Passenger Automobiles	11,923
Trucks and buses	4,715
Total	16,638

TRANSPORATION (Continued)

Rail

The Canadian National Railway line from Montreal to Halifax goes through Cumberland County, providing daily freight service. Passenger service is provided by VIA Rail. The Short Line from Oxford Junction to Pictou gives freight service to such places as Oxford and Pugwash within the County. Excluding spur lines and sidings, there are 138 km of rail line in Cumberland County.

Air

Air Canada and Eastern Provincial Airlines services are available at Moncton, New Brunswick and at the Halifax International Airport. Private and charter aircraft can use the two 1,525 meter paved runways at the provincially owned airport at Debert, Colchester County.

Bus

Acadian Lines Limited operates three runs daily to Amherst, one through Parrsboro, the others via the Trans Canada Highway. Connections are available at Amherst to out-of-province points and a through service is available to Saint John, N.B.

Marine

There are three main ports in the County. The Parrsboro Public Wharf has a 100 meter berthing length. Pugwash operates a railway berth with two berthing faces of 146 meters and 149 meters in length. The Port of Wallace has a wharf, 183 meters long. There are several other smaller fishing ports along the Bay of Fundy and the Northumberland Strait.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers and Magazines

Amherst - The Amherst Daily News	Circ. 3,600 - daily
- The Citizen	Circ. 6,345 - weekly
Oxford - The Oxford Journal	Circ. 3,300 - weekly
Parrsboro and Springhill	
- The Springhill and Parrsboro Record	Circ. 3,868 - weekly

Radio Stations

Amherst - CKDH	1,000 watts

TV Stations

Central Cable Television Limited serves Amherst, East Amherst and West Amherst.
Springhill Cable TV Limited serves Springhill.
Eastern Cablevision serves Parrsboro (CANCOM)
Ralph MacDonald serves Pugwash, River Herbert, River Hebert East and Joggins (CANCOM)

SHOPPING CENTRES

Cumberland County Fair Mall, Amherst	9,104 m^2
Amherst Centre	14,864 m^2
Amherst Plaza	2,672 m^2

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Amherst	-	228	3	-	231
Oxford	-	10	-	-	10
Parrsboro	3	16	5	29	53
Lorneville	-	-	5	-	5
Wallace	-	-	6	-	6
Wentworth Valley	-	16		3	19
Total	3	270	19	32	324

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Cumberland Regional Library, with headquarters in Amherst, has branches in Oxford, Parrsboro, Springhill and a bookmobile.

Museums

Cumberland County Museum, Amherst
Miners' Museum, Springhill
Miners' Memorial Museum, River Hebert
Amos Seaman School Museum, Minudie
Salter's Confederation Farm Museum, Diligent River
Geological and Gem Museum, Parrsboro